

## **Resolution No. 09-19 - Opposing urbanization of the Stafford Area, and repealing Res. 09-05**

City Council

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 09-19 WEST LINN, OREGON**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S LONGSTANDING OPPOSITION TO THE URBANIZATION OF THE STAFFORD AREA AND ITS OPPOSITION TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE AREA FOR URBAN RESERVES, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 09-05**

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, the City of West Linn, along with Lake Oswego, Tualatin, Clackamas County and the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, was a signatory of the Stafford Area Policy Position that opposed urbanization of the Stafford Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Linn has successfully opposed three previous attempts by Metro to expand the Urban Growth Boundary into the Stafford Area; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions related to the suitability of the Stafford Area for urbanization including: the high costs of extending water and sewer services, the inadequate transportation systems both in and surrounding the area, the steepness of the terrain, the negative impacts on streams and natural areas, and the area's limited capacity for development at expected urban densities, remain and pose even greater barriers to achieving regional planning goals than previously; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of West Linn and Lake Oswego are resistant to urban expansion into Stafford and concerned over its impacts on their quality of life, as evidenced by voter approved charter amendments in both cities to require voter approval of annexations in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Linn has recently stated its Growth Aspirations, consistent with its Comprehensive Plan, community surveys and the recently updated Imagine West Linn vision document, that fundamentally recognizes the limits to growth that are created by existing jurisdictional and natural boundaries of other cities and the Willamette River as well as the logical transition to the rural character of the Stafford Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that cities are entitled to their own unique vision of their future, as expressed by their residents and taxpayers, that for West Linn is a livable and sustainable community within its present City limits; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2009, the City Council of the City of West Linn, reaffirmed its longstanding opposition to the urbanization of the Stafford area through the unanimous approval of Resolution 09-05; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that a "Rural Reserve" designation as expressed in Resolution 09-05 may not be appropriate for the entire Stafford area;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

Section 1: The Stafford Area should not be considered for a future Urban Growth Boundary expansion through an Urban Reserve designation.

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Section 2: Resolution 09-05 is hereby repealed.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

This Resolution adopted the 27th day of July, 2009.

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